

Appendix table 6-17.

Internet-related business methods patents: Number of international patent families by priority country and priority year: 1995–2000

Priority country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Total	36	76	160	301	301	1	875
United States	21	45	104	217	247	0	634
Japan	4	14	15	14	16	0	63
Great Britain	1	4	9	9	8	0	31
Germany	1	2	2	9	5	0	19
Finland	1	3	0	5	6	0	15
European Patent Office	2	0	6	5	0	1	14
France	0	1	3	7	1	0	12
Sweden	0	1	6	5	0	0	12
Israel	0	0	2	6	3	0	11
South Korea	1	1	3	2	3	0	10
Canada	1	0	2	4	1	0	8
Australia	1	1	2	3	0	0	7
Netherlands	1	1	2	2	1	0	7
China	1	0	1	2	1	0	5
Ireland	1	0	0	1	2	0	4
Austria	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Switzerland	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Norway	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Denmark	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Patent Cooperation Treaty ...	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Singapore	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
South Africa	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Belgium	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Brazil	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Spain	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

NOTES: Patents in a family are linked together through “priority” details. Priority is established by the original patent application date in the first country where the application is filed. The European Patent Office (EPO) and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) represent two alternatives to filing multiple applications at individual patent country offices. For these two filing routes, an applicant makes an initial single filing at the responsible office (i.e., the European Patent Office for EPO applications and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) for PCT applications). The applicant indicates the member countries in which it wishes to seek protection by listing the appropriate designated states on the application. In the past, applicants using these routes generally filed priority applications in their home country and then filed at the EPO and/or PCT. Increasingly, however, applicants are filing priority applications through these two venues, rather than through their home country. For this reason, the EPO or PCT shows as “priority country” in some tables.

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